

**Memorandum of the Meeting
Regular Study Session/Meeting
Twenty-Sixth Town Council of Highland
Monday, September 27, 2010**

The regular study session of the Twenty-Sixth Town Council of the Town of Highland was convened at the regular place, the Highland Municipal, 3333 Ridge Road, Highland, Indiana, in the plenary meeting chambers on **Monday, September 27, 2010** at the regular time of 7:05 o'clock p.m.

Silent Roll Call: Councilors Bernie Zemen, Dan Vassar, Brian Novak, Konnie Kuiper and Mark A. Herak were present. A quorum was attained. The Clerk-Treasurer Michael W. Griffin was present to memorialize the proceedings.

Others present: Robin Carlascio, Idea Factory and Monthly Newsletter Editor was also present.

General Substance of Matters Discussed

1. The Town Council and the Clerk-Treasurer discussed the issue business license appeals. It was noted that the Clerk-Treasurer Office did send most by U.S. Postal and some by email. It was suggested that an amnesty could be approved to permit the delayed payment of business licenses or registrations until October 29. The Clerk-Treasurer will prepare the agenda to support the action.
2. The Town Council discussed the current date of Halloween, and "trick or treat" hours on Sunday, October 31, 2010 to be from 5:00 to 7:00. The prospect of changing the observance to Saturday was discussed but dismissed.
3. The Town Council discussed the request of Community Events Commission regarding the "Cabbage Festival" and a promotional coupon insert in the Monthly News Letter. The Nr News Letter Editor discussed ways and means for supporting the effort.
4. The Town Council discussed the introduced Ordinance No. 1477. The discussion included mark-up and a discussion of concerns about the possible public misperceptions dealing with the possible partisan changes that the ordinance would allow based upon the Park and Recreation Law changes permitted under IC 36-10-3-4.1.
5. The Town Council discussed possible appointments owing to vacancies recently experienced on boards and commissions. The discussion included a report in which it was alleged that *Vern Sieb* may resign from the Board of Zoning Appeals over a recent action in which the Town Council overturned the recommendation of the Advisory Board of Zoning Appeals. N The discussion included noting the recent resignation of Mary Rakoczy from the Lake County Convention and Visitors Bureau. The Town Council President discussed his preference for naming Ms. Christine Cash, who also interviewed for the position.
6. The Town Council discussed the issue of seeking other proposals for service regarding the several insurance lines, excluding the Health Insurance. The discussion included the merits of allowing other agencies an opportunity to quote the non-health lines of insurance.
7. The Town Council discussed the issue of underused or vacant business properties, and the absence of apparent development of movement on them. The discussion included the opinion of some councilors that sales or development of the properties should be encouraged. The discussion included the disposition of the property local nightclub on Kennedy Avenue, formerly called Finke's.
8. The Town Council discussed the need to convene a meeting of residents of north Fifth street and Fourth place west and east to discuss the issue of prohibiting trash collection from the alley near these residents.

There being no further business to be discussed by the Town Council, the regular study session of the Town Council, of **Monday, September 27, 2010**, was adjourned 8:40 o'clock p.m.

Michael W. Griffin, IAMC/MMC/CPFA
Clerk-Treasurer